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SUBJECT: BELIZE: GUARDIAN ARTICLE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECEMBER 9 ARTICLE FROM THE GUARDIAN,
PROVIDED BY UK EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.

BEGIN TEXT. BRITAIN IS REPORTED TO BE PLANNING TO HAND OVER
A SLICE OF BELIZE TO THE GUATEMALAN DICTATORSHIP AS THE
PRICE FOR GUATEMALAN CONSENT TO BELIZE'S INDEPENDENCE.

THE BRITISH AND GUATEMALAN DELEGATIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS
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DECLINED TO COMMENT LAST NIGHT, BUT THE BRITISH SPOKESMAN,
MR. DAVID BRIGHTY, SAID THAT "NO SETTLEMENT WILL BE
MADE WHICH DOES NOT MEET THE APPROVAL OF THE BELIZE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.'

BUT SOURCES MAINTAIN THAT BRITAIN IS PLANNING TO OFFER A
CONCESSION TO SAVE FACE FOR GUATEMALA. THE GUATEMALAN

GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ANNEXING BELIZE--IF NECESSARY BY FORCE. THE GUATEMALAN CONSTITUTION DECLARES BELIZE TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF GUATEMALAN TERRITORY.

BUT IF BRITAIN WERE TO GIVE SO MUCH AS AN INCH OF BELIZE, IT WOULD BE VIOLATING A SERIES OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS. TEN DAYS AGO THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED ITS MOST RECENT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE 'INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE' AND STATING FLATLY THAT THE "INVIOABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BELIZE MUST BE PRESERVED.'

THE VOTE WAS 126 IN FAVOUR, FOUR AGAINST, WITH 13 ABSTENTIONS. THE FOUR AGAINST WERE COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. THE VOTING REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS FOR THE CAUSE OF BELIZE SINCE LAST YEAR, WHEN A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 115 TO EIGHT WITH 15 ABSTENTIONS.

MOREOVER THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS STRONGER THAN LAST YEAR'S BECAUSE IT ALSO CALLS ON ALL PARTIES "TO REFRAIN FROM ANY THREATS OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE OR THEIR TERRITORY" AND IT URGES ALL STATES TO RENDER ALL PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE" TO HELP BELIZE ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER
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